

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: hx445@cleveland.Freenet.Edu (Christopher R. Doherty)  
Subject: [2757] 40 meter qrp  
Message-ID: <199601131825.NAA05065@kanga.INS.CWRU.Edu>

Don N6FNL rote:

"....40 meter novice band seems a bit quiet. Maybe that would make a nice QRP land???"

Yes sir, I would have to agree. Not too many hams around those parts. Too many foreign BC stations. I used to hang out on 80 during the evenings 'cause of that. But one day, my friend Nick, N3GTH said, "I love 40 meters. Just find a valley in between those stations and call away." So I did. Found alot of valleys and made some nice QSOs. Florida, Alabama, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Texas, just to name a few states contacted. Only had one problem, Texas.

Why that state's so darn big, it took almost a half hour for my signal to reach the other guy and he was close to the border. Biggest border there ever was. Took about an hour to reach the other side. Why, by the time we finished our QSO, it was daylight. I figure that I'll have to get my code speed up to about 60 wpm. Either that or get a faster transmitter.

Yes sir, 40 meters make a good QRP land. See ya there.

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: Goran Hosinsky <hosinsky@royac.iac.es>  
Subject: [2751] 7/8" hardline where to buy?  
Message-ID: <9601131301.AA06896@royac8.royac.iac.es>

Hello gang,

There was a note on using 7/8" 75 ohm hardline for feedline in a 50 ohm system showing that even with the SWR it is a very good solution, saying that this line is cheap. But where can one find this line at a cheap price? The catalogues I have put a very high price on this type of lines.

Saludos

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From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: JDuffy@aol.com  
Subject: [2755] AOL Mail Problems Continue  
Message-ID: <960113113123\_115308684@emout06.mail.aol.com>

To all AOLers on the QRP-L.

I have read all the comments about the AOL mail system this week and have visited the on-line help folks on several occasions. The only feedback I get is that the mail system is messed up and they don't know when it is going to be fixed.

As a result, I have to read all the mail on-line and respond on-line resulting in higher charges. I have asked for two credits now and am about to ask for another. I have not heard anything back yet from AOL on these requests (soon to be demands). Would suggest that all of you use the keyword "credit" and ask for credits for all the time you have to spend on-line.

Regards,

Duffy - WB8NUT

From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: Rick Zabrodski <zabrodsk@med.ucalgary.ca>  
Subject: [2762] Followup: SWR resistive bridge working!  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.960113165453.29324B-100000@ume>

Last week I mentioned that I had built the W1DF SWR resistive bridge as describe in W1FB's 1986 Qrp Notebook on page 48. I wanted to put it in the same case as my W6JJZ "Improved Single Coil Z Match" published in QQ last July. Why this circuit? Mainly because it provides a 50 ohm load while tuning so you are less likely to destroy those homebrew PA tranistors. (Also, because I had never built one) Finally, I had a couple of SWR meters that looked really cool. (Available from Kangas USA, Bill, N8ET)

Intially had false high and low SWR readings.

Charles, W6JJZ sent along a schematic of a "relative power resistive" bridge that I built last night and this worked fine. (See QRPp 1994) It has the advantage of the 50 ohm load and you just tune for max output. I will use this circuit in my next "really small" tuner project, maybe inside the Norcal 40a.

Anyway, Hank, KE3IK and others sent me more information on this resistive SWR circuit. Turns out lead length is a real issue. So, I made an effort to make a REALLY compact ugly dead bug circuit mounted literally on the variable pot and SWR meter with switches close by and coax input/outputs. (BTW, tuner/SWR circuit built into a RS plastic case). I still used radio shack carbon film resistors in various combinations to get 50.6 (51 ideal) and 47.4 (47 ideal) ohms where needed.

End result: It works. Now, if anything, it underestimates a bit but there are NO false readings.

So, keeping leads super short and shielding any leads that are long seemed to be the answer.

BTW, total cost of this critter is less than a dollar (not counting meter) in parts and it is quite simple to build otherwise: 4 resistors, 2 caps, one diode.....no "tuning" required once assembled.

Anyway, great learning experience made relatively painless by the QRP L groups help!

One last comment: W6JJZ tuner works great. It is easier to use than my commercially made, european (read: expensive) Z match.

Now.....back to my Cascade.....

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Faculty of Medicine, Univ. of Calgary	*	"Power is no substitute for skill"

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: JessQRP@aol.com  
Subject: [2765] Great Band Results  
Message-ID: <960113214354\_40996187@mail02.mail.aol.com>

I had on of the best nights on the air last night from about 0300 Z until about 0700 Z 1/13. I worked JA1NUT on 40 meters 559 report, ZL1MH 40 meters 579 report, had AH6HH answer my cq 559 report, plus many ragchews all over the USA on 30, 40 and 80 meters. Best Q of the night was ZK1DI North Cook Island on 30 meters at 0600 Z. And they say the bands are dead! PHOOEY! Everybody is just asleep!

First Q this morning for the ARCI was HP1AC Panama on 20 meters with 539 both

ways at 5 watts. Seems the Gap is doing the job. Also worked JA about 3 days ago on the gap at 5 watts with a 459 early in the morning on 80 meters. If you want to work'em ya gotta stay late and get up early! All q's were made with the OHR 400 and Gap at 5 watts or less.

I am sitting here as I write this with a friends Argo 509 plugged in working the heck out of NA QSO when I am not hearing ARCI cq's. HAVe worked all over the US on 40 and 80.

Lot's of fun!

Best

Jess N0TFI

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: Thom.LaCosta@f0.n105.z105.fido261.qis.net (Thom LaCosta)  
Subject: [2747] HAMLIB Update  
Message-ID: <fc9\_9601122232@fido261.qis.net>

#### HAMLIB Remote Database Query System

Please note that HAMLIB will process 1 query per message...  
If you have a requirement for multiple queries...you MUST  
send multiple messages.

For Help with HAMLIB send a message as Follows:

>From FidoNet

Send Netmail(routed or direct) to HAMLIB 1:261/1352  
Any subject you want  
In the body of the message you need  
FIND .HELP  
HAMLIB will send the help file to your FIDO address via routed Netmail

>From the Internet

Send E-Mail to hamlib@fido261.qis.net  
Any subject you want  
In the body of the message you need  
FIND .HELP  
HAMLIB will send the help file to your Internet address.

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|Internet: Thom.LaCosta@f0.n105.z105.fido261.qis.net  
| Standard disclaimer: The views of this user are strictly his own.

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: Goran Hosinsky <hosinsky@royac.iac.es>  
Subject: [2761] Jon Iza Lopez call me  
Message-ID: <9601132346.AA07134@royac8.royac.iac.es>

Jon Iza Lopez, please contact me via email  
73 Goran ea8yu hosinsky@royac.iac.es

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: Buck Switzer <n8cqa@sun.tir.com>  
Subject: [2763] MI-QRP CW  
Message-ID: <9601140025.AA05449@tir.com>

Gang - The MI-QRP Club CW Contest IS going on regardless of the solar storm and NAQP. The WWV readings have been terrible and I didn't hear ANY signals on 20 till 1700Z! First QSO @ 1814Z!

However, hang in there, the NAQP ends at 0600Z and the A and K indexes are goign down. Sunday may be much better!

In 1985 it was worse! Hope to hear you before 2359Z Sunday.  
72/73 Buck

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: af852@rgfn.epcc.Edu (William R Colbert)  
Subject: [2764] panzer qrp conversion/hamkey paddle  
Message-ID: <9601140103.AA28551@rgfn.epcc.Edu>

Jim n2go, seems like someone is playing jokes as that notice has been around for long time - at leas here in El Paso where we have

a large German military installation. That is where I first saw it. Basically it says: this machine is not for sticking your fingers and hands in. it is easy to break the spring works, blow fuses and pop the corks with point sparking. It is not for working by the dummies, the rubberneck sight seers keep hands in the pockets. Relax and watch the blinking lights. I have seen this notice in some shops, usually with some little light display set up for the curious.

Hamkey paddles - I too have a Hamkey model HK-1, which I sometimes carry south, but have been using for many years - one of the best feeling, smoothest operating paddles about. good heavy base, and very stable even for a heavy hitter like me.

Mid 70's in the Republic of West Texas tomorrow.

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Ray Colbert, W5XE/V31XE, El Paso, Tx

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: Ptcandy@aol.com  
Subject: [2753] The announcement of my DEATH has been greatly overexagerated!!!  
Message-ID: <960113085818\_115226894@emout04.mail.aol.com>

To those kind folks who have sent me mail in the last ten days, please resend it. My (soon to be changed) on-line service has really screwed up my e-mail. Sure hope Ed McMahan and his prize patrol didn't write to me. See you all on M-QRP and NA-QSO party

Thanx alot  
Peter N2KPY

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: JessQRP@aol.com  
Subject: [2754] The Hertz are hurts  
Message-ID: <960113094126\_40450998@mail06.mail.aol.com>

I realized after a kind gentleman pointed it out to me that my Gap Titan post for 80 meter bandwidth said hertz and not kilo hertz. Sri!

Best  
Jess

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: jon@bisq00 (Jon Iza Lopez)  
Subject: [2756] Weird Allen keys in Europe :-)

Hi, gang

I also had trouble with the knobs on the Sierra but was able to manage without the dreaded keys. Funny thing is they have just open a Radio Shack in Bilbao, where I work, and found a set of 8 "weird" keys for just 12 bucks. I passed on them, but good news is that from now on I won't be scratching my head while reading one of "your" schematics with RS #23-456 for description of a component :-) ;-)

BTW, my Sierra is kiking a..es!

Be well.

jon, ea2sn <== lowercase, i'm a qrp'er!

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: "Robert J. Gobrick" <rgobrick@nfld.com>  
Subject: [2760] Re: 40 meter qrp  
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19960114001702.00cd34e4@public.compusult.nf.ca>

Chris,

You've been hanging around the QRP-L list so much is starting to "affect" (or is that "effect") you. You're beginning to sound like Nils,

Well 40 meters is noisy up here in Newfoundland in the snow and rain - how am I going to make any Q's in the Michigan QRP QSO Party? Where is that anti-static spray I had around here...

73/72 Bob VO1DRB/WA6ERB

At 13:26 1/13/96 EST, you wrote:

>Yes sir, made some nice QSOs. Florida, Alabama,  
>Massachusetts, Ohio, and Texas, just to name a few states contacted. Only  
>had one problem, Texas.  
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>Why that state's so darn big, it took almost a half hour for my signal to  
>reach the other guy and he was close to the border.

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: WD6BOR@aol.com  
Subject: [2759] Re: AOL Problems; Credit for Downtime  
Message-ID: <960113153110\_60819892@emout06.mail.aol.com>

John,

It is now 1/13/96 and I still have not had an acceptable response from AOL regarding the fact that I have not been able to download my mail. One of their tech representatives told me to delete all my on-line mail because some of it had been corrupted in the Internet interface. All he could do to give credit for lost service was to credit me with five hours of on-line time. Since my billing cycle begins tomorrow, I will probable not see this credit next month.

By the way, I was not able to get even this information on-line but had to call the AOL tech help phone line at 1-800-827-3338 where I was disconnected three times through their voice mail system until I finally pretended to have a rotary phone and didn't respond to any of their voice prompts to select from the various menus. The tech representative I did talk to was very courteous and tried to be as helpful as possible, but there seemed to be only so much he could do.

The AOL credit line is 1-800-827-6343. Good luck.

Darrel Jones, WD6BOR

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: Ptcandy@aol.com  
Subject: [2752] Re: AOL-Wide EMAIL Problems; Resolution of  
Message-ID: <960113085434\_115225522@emout04.mail.aol.com>

Hi

I thought I was the only one with the problem. Those sonsofbitches made it sound as if I had the problem. I was on the phone with them a couple of times and had a couple of on line sessions. They led me to believe the problem was with me. I had to reinstall my software and do all kinds of things. If they only would have told me it was a temporary problem, I would have understood.

Anyway, now that I know the problem is not with me, I can comete in the M-QRP contest today as well as the NA-QSO party. See you there.



Regards,  
Peter N2KPY

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: Frank@yorks.demon.co.uk (frank)  
Subject: [2750] Re: GQRP - Help getting some info from UK ham  
Message-ID: <627@yorks.demon.co.uk>

In message <199601112113.NAA27000@netcom9.netcom.com> dgf@netcom.com (David Feldman) writes:

> Sorry this is not specifically QRP, however, I've run into so many dead ends  
> I'd really appreciate help from a G-land QRP'er (I'm a QRP'er to, if that  
> helps!)

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> About 15 months ago I retrieved a file from packet radio that was initially  
> sent from G8HUY. It pertains to the Yaesu FT736 VHF/UHF transceiver. A  
> copy of the first few lines of the file DESCRIBING the available files  
> is appended below. There are it seems maybe two dozen actual files.

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> All attempts I've made during this time at getting a copy of the diskette or  
> the associated files have met with failure. Perhaps someone in UK with  
> packet radio or other knowledge of John G8HUY can contact him and solicit  
> his assistance in getting a copy of the files to me.

HI! I WILL TRY AND CONTACT G8HUY FOR YOU, QRX ....

I'd be glad to cover  
> the cost for postage, diskette, etc. I am no longer on packet radio, and  
> when I did try sending the message to his packet address all attempts  
> were unsuccessful.

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> Perhaps someone has a copy of this?

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> Any help greatly appreciated!

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> Thank you very much an advance for any leads or assistance!

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> 73 Dave WB0GAZ dgf@netcom.com

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> From: G8HUY@GB7HJP.#48.GBR.EU  
> To : NATION@N2BQF.#NL.NY.USA.NOMA

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> DE JOHN



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> Das machine is nicht fur gefingerpoken und mittengrabben. Ist easy  
> schnappen der springenwerk, blowenfusen und cokenpoppen mit  
> spitzensparken. Ist nicht fur gewerken by das dummkopfen. Das  
> rubbernecken sightseeren keepen hands in das pockets. Relaxen und vatch  
> das blinkenlights!!!

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> Any good translators on the net?

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This is not German - just a joke that I've run across years ago. :-)

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Ray Sommers, WB9LKC QRP-L #8-)  
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From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Sat Jan 13 21:19:38 1996  
From: pelt@vt.edu (Randy Pelt)  
Subject: [2758] Re: Vanity calls  
Message-ID: <199601131902.0AA01294@sable.cc.vt.edu>

>On Thu, 11 Jan 1996 RHILT0@acxiom.com wrote:  
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>> >I have compiled a list of available 1x2 and 2x1 callsigns that are  
>> >currently unused.  
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>> >It can be downloaded from my Home Page:  
>>  
>> <http://www.frii.com/~michael/amateur.html>

You can add NZ4I to your list as I'm giving it up and going back to my old  
call- W4WYT

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